

INTERVIEW PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

Proposition 50 Chapter 8 Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Supplemental Funding Grant Program, July 2010

Applicant Monterey County Water Resources Authority **Amount Requested** \$997,000

Proposal Title SVWP Fish Habitat and Monitoring Program **Total Proposal Cost** \$1,157,000

Recommended Award \$997,000

Proposal Summary

The proposal includes a single project – a fish habitat and monitoring project in several bodies of water within the Salinas River Watershed. The water bodies include the Salinas River, the Salinas River Lagoon, the Arroyo Seco River, and the Nacimiento River. The proposed tasks include water quality testing, fish population surveys, and flow monitoring and reporting. The specific species monitored as part of this project is O. Mykiss, which is listed as a federally threatened species in the Salinas River Watershed. This proposal would fill a data gap that is a critical body of information necessary for the recovery this species.

Presentation/Interview Score (based on criteria and standard presented in Table 2 of PSP)

Element	1 (a) - Concept Project Proposal Overview	1 (b) - Benefits & Technical Feasibility	1 (c) - Need & Consequences	2 - Question & Answers	Total (Max possible score=50)
Score	4	15	15	15	49

Evaluation Summary

Element 1 (a): Concept Project Proposal Overview

The interview was clear and concise and the applicant used an excellent combination of graphics and photos to convey project details. The project location was well described and the presentation did a good job on tying all the project components together. Specifically, the

project description, work plan, schedule, and budget description was well organized and sufficiently described.

Element 1 (b): Benefit and Technical Feasibility

The project's benefits were clearly described. Benefit is large in magnitude and breadth in terms of ensuring water supply, water quality, and the environment for the IRWM region. The interview panel (Panel) felt this project was a key element necessary to meet the overall Salinas Valley Water Project benefits of providing groundwater recharge, mitigation of saline water intrusion, groundwater basin hydrologic balance, and increase in aquatic life and fish passage. Substantial evidence was provided to clearly demonstrate the project's technical feasibility. In addition, technical feasibility was further addressed during the question and answer period where the presenters clearly described how they would implement an adaptive management strategy if they encounter technical obstacles during the implementation of the project.

Element 1 (c): Need and Consequences

The need for the project, as well as the consequences to the region of not receiving funding was clearly demonstrated and deemed highly urgent.

Element 2: Question and Answers

The applicant's answers to the standard questions were concise, clear, and adequate. The applicant's answers affirmed they met the essence of IRWM when developing, vetting, and ultimately proposing multi-benefit project.